

With Teddy's passing, I rise to state . . .  
 Without objection, we have lost one of the truly greats!  
 There will be no quorum call, or voice vote expected!  
 Or a bill, for The President to sign . . . stating of such perfection!  
 For he, was A Man For All Seasons . . .  
 Who knew how to debate, and more importantly how to reason!  
 A giant among mere men, who with his principles would so splendidly and steadfastly defend!  
 Motivating women and men, with but his heart of a champion . . .  
 Time and time again, upon this floor . . .  
 Ted, you are gone, but not forgotten . . .  
 For history and heaven so holds a place, for the champions of the downtrodden!  
 For artists, who know how to so create . . . and legislate!  
 Whether, with a voice of a lion making the Senate quake!  
 Or like a fine surgeon, so delicately legislation you'd manipulate . . .  
 Yea, Teddy . . . Daniel Webster ain't got nothing on you!  
 And in the Senate reception room . . .  
 And upon this floor my son . . . history will you so view!  
 One of the greatest who's who!  
 Now, up in Heaven . . . it's the greatest of debates between Daniel and you!

In honor of and in memory of Senator Edward M. Kennedy—Albert Carey Caswell.●

#### TRIBUTE TO KEVORK S. HOVNANIAN

● Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. President, I wish to pay tribute to the memory of Kevork S. Hovnanian, a friend and New Jersey businessman and community leader. A hard working Armenian immigrant, Mr. Hovnanian embodied the American dream. Already the owner of a successful construction company in Iraq in 1959, Mr. Hovnanian was forced to flee Iraq and arrived in New Jersey to rebuild his life, and rebuild it he did.

He started another construction company and, along with his brothers, committed himself to making affordable housing available to young families and first-time home buyers—first in New Jersey, then nationwide. He built a successful business and, at the same time, gave something back to the community, to New Jersey, and to the Nation. Through his chosen profession, he shared his realization of the American dream by helping others establish themselves in their own homes and took pride in having helped. As his business grew, Mr. Hovnanian never forgot his adopted community and generously supported numerous charities and organizations. His philanthropy touched the lives of all of us in New Jersey. Every child who enters the K. Hovnanian Children's Hospital at Jersey Shore University Medical Center benefits from his generosity. Every worshiper who enters St. Stepanos Armenian Church in Elberon, New Jersey knows Kevork Hovnanian generously supported its construction in memory of his mother. He remained committed to bringing the Armenian genocide to light and supporting Armenian autonomy. He was a man who worked hard,

achieved his dreams, but always believed in the concept of community, each of us working together for the betterment of all.

As we celebrate Kevork Hovnanian's life and memory, our heartfelt thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends, his beloved wife Sirwart, and his sons, daughters, and grandchildren who will miss his love and laughter. May he rest in peace.●

#### RECOGNIZING SMRT

● Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, on Thursday, October 8, citizens of the city of Portland will gather at the steps of City Hall to witness the proclamation of John Calvin Stevens Day on the 154th anniversary of his birth. The most renowned architect in Maine's history, Mr. Stevens' distinctive style is recognizable in numerous structures throughout the region. Today, I rise to acknowledge the company he founded, now known as SMRT, as we celebrate the 125th anniversary of its founding.

SMRT's founder, John Calvin Stevens, was born in Boston in 1855, and moved with his family to Portland 2 years later. On July 4, 1866, Mr. Stevens witnessed the devastating Great Fire of Portland, which was responsible for 1,800 buildings burning to the ground, as well as the subsequent reconstruction of the city. After completing high school, he joined Francis H. Fassett's architectural firm, which did much of the work to rebuild the city in the fire's aftermath.

Following a decade at the Fassett firm, Mr. Stevens founded his own one-man architectural firm, John Calvin Stevens Architects, in 1884 in Portland. Mr. Stevens ran this business until his death in 1940, during which time he received over 300 commissions to design or update a variety of structures on the Portland peninsula alone, from government buildings to churches to residential houses. The Stevens family remains involved in the company's day-to-day operations, as Mr. Stevens' great-grandson, Paul Stratton Stevens, is one of the company's principals.

Above all other techniques, John Calvin Stevens is known as a pioneer and promoter of the quintessentially New England "shingle" style. Most often associated with the Maine coast and the Boston area, the practice is essentially an adaptation of the Victorian-era Queen Anne architectural style with the additional of shingles. The cottage-like houses built in the style frequently feature wide porches, broad gables, graceful and distinct profiles, and, of course, wooden shingles lining the roofs and sides. Because of Mr. Stevens' diligent efforts, this style became a mainstay of seaside and residential homes across the region.

As the continuation of Mr. Stevens' multidisciplinary brainchild, SMRT—previously known as Stevens Morton Rose & Thompson to represent the last names of the company's partners—is a

widely recognized expert in the areas of architecture, engineering, planning, and interior design. SMRT designs and constructs functional spaces and aesthetically pleasing edifices for its plentiful clientele. The company now has additional offices in Manchester, NH; North Andover, MA; and Albany, NY.

Throughout its lengthy history, SMRT has been responsible for designing, building, altering, or restoring countless landmark buildings across the State of Maine. SMRT lent its architectural talents to the new Dorothy Walker Bush Pavilion at Southern Maine Medical Center in Biddeford, as well as the Eastern Maine Medical Center pediatrics wing in Bangor. The company has also had a hand in a diverse range of interior design projects at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Fairchild Semiconductor in Portland, and the Burton M. Cross State Office Building in the State capital of Augusta. Additionally, the firm has completed projects for other companies in a variety of industries, including: bioscience and healthcare, food and beverage, as well as clean manufacturing and electronics.

One area where SMRT has distinguished itself is in green design, particularly as a member of the U.S. Green Building Council, which oversees the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, LEED, accreditation process. The LEED, green building certification system aims to provide energy savings through building design that reduces carbon dioxide emissions and improves overall indoor environmental quality. SMRT offers its clients the opportunity to engage in the LEED certification process, and consistently keeps energy concerns at the forefront when planning new buildings by utilizing natural daylight and employing cutting-edge technologies. In fact, the Maine General Medical Center's Harold Alfond Center for Cancer Care in Augusta, which was designed by SMRT, recently received a LEED silver certification, and is the first health care facility in Maine to achieve the status.

In short, John Calvin Stevens is responsible for much of the way Portland looks today—from the Old Port to the houses of the Western Promenade—and his legacy is carried on today in the company he founded, SMRT, and the intricate and stunning work they do. I am proud that John Calvin Stevens saw it fitting to choose Portland for his company's home 125 years ago, and I am delighted that it has remained a bedrock of our State's architectural heritage through all of these years. Congratulations to everyone at SMRT on this monumental anniversary, and best wishes for continued success. ●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.